

150,000 VICTIMS

LAPORTE FINED OF EARTHQUAKE LAND PURCHASED

For Assaulting Mr. Parsons of West Tewksbury

Damase H. Laporte was arraigned in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with assault and battery on Cyrus W. Parsons of West Tewksbury. Laporte was found guilty and a fine of \$10 imposed. Deputy Welch conducted the case for the government and Stanley E. Qua appeared for the defendant.

Cyrus W. Parsons, the complainant, who resides in West Tewksbury, testified in part as follows: "Laporte came to my house about quarter to six Monday evening and said: 'What for you take sand out of my sand banks?' I told him that I had taken none of his sand. You pay me or I will attach your property. He then called me crazy, a fool, a liar, said that I was drunk and that I ought to be in the Tewksbury insane asylum."

"I ordered him out of the house but he refused to go. I started to go towards the door and as I did, my back was towards him. The first thing I knew he gave me a clip over the back of the head and shoulders. He then got hold of me and getting the best of me, threw me into the sink. The hired girl and my daughter clinched with Mr. Laporte and kept him on the run till he got out of the house. After Mr. Laporte was gone I saw that the spider which was on the stove was on the floor and the potatoes, which were in it, were strewn all over the floor. Later witness found that the back of his head was cut."

Mary Tracey, engaged as a domestic by Mr. Parsons, said that she admitted Mr. Laporte to the house and thinking that he came to see Mr. Parsons on business, she left the room. A little later she heard loud talk and sounds of fighting and entering the kitchen found both Mr. Parsons and Mr. Laporte on the floor. Mr. Laporte was on top and had Mr. Parsons by the throat.

Bortha Parsons, a daughter of the complainant, corroborated the testimony offered by the previous witness. Mr. Damase H. Laporte, the defendant, testified that he owns a sand bank in South Lowell. Monday evening, he went to Mr. Parsons' house to collect a bill for sand that Mr. Parsons had taken from his bank. He told him that his trunk had drawn nine loads of sand and wanted him to pay for it. He then started to use profane language. When he refused to pay, witness said he would attach Parsons' property. While witness was going towards the door Mr. Parsons grabbed him by the head and throat and then picked up a spider and threatened to hit him. Witness knocked the spider out of Mr. Parsons' hand and in the struggle that followed Laporte pushed Parsons up against the sink.

Laporte was found guilty and a fine of \$10 was imposed.

Milkman Fined \$50
John C. Fox, milkman of Draught, pleaded not guilty to complaints charging him with having milk below the standard and adding water to milk. The defendant claimed that the milk which was found on his team had been purchased from a milk producer and that as soon as he learned that the milk was not up to the standard he discontinued trading with the producer in question. The case of having milk below the standard was placed on file but for adding water he was fined \$50.

Hotel Case Continued

The case of Foster S. Thurston and Charles M. Dickey of the New American hotel, charged with the illegal keeping of liquor, was listed for trial

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today, but was continued till January 11.

Drunken Offenders

It was the second time within a year that Michael J. Riley was before the court and it looked as if he was going to be fined the usual \$6, but Probation Officer Slattery interceded for Riley, claiming that he was a hard working man and that there was a chance for reformation. He was given a suspended sentence of three months in jail and placed in the hands of the probation officer for one year.

The name of Joseph F. Coughlin was called by the clerk of the court, but it was found that Coughlin was missing. It was later learned that Coughlin's condition necessitated his presence at the city hospital for a few days. Four simple drunks were released.

Chapel Hills, Prescott, Friday night.

BARKING OF DOG

Warned a Providence Family of Danger

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—A spark from an electric wire in the cellar of the Arcade on Westminster street, the oldest building in the city, started a fire today which before it had been extinguished, did considerable damage.

The janitor, his wife, and two-year-old baby who were asleep on the second story of the building when the fire broke out were aroused by the barking of a dog and were carried down the fire-ladders to safety by the firemen. The wires were in the basement of the A. W. Fairchild Co. The fire spread rapidly to the Bon Ton millinery store, then to a candy store, a photograph studio and thence to the store of a hardware dealer in the next building. The estimated losses follow: A. W. Fairchild Co., \$5000; Bon Ton Co., \$1000; Bellier and Loomis, store rooms and automobile supply department, \$5000; Anderson's candy kitchen, \$5000; and W. H. Mills, photographer, \$1000. All insured.

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That Devastated Parts of Southern Italy and Sicily

Reports From the Stricken Districts Indicate That the Disaster is the Worst in History—Great Outpouring of Relief for the Survivors—Shore Line Altered and Beautiful Villas Destroyed—Conflagration Completes the Destruction of Messina and Other Cities

ROME, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily is dead; the other half is weeping. As the great extent of the terrific seismic disturbances become apparent it seems impossible to exaggerate the horrors which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond the grasp of the imagination, because of the innumerable wounded buried in the ruins, many of whom will perish because it is impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes.

The whole of Italy is absolutely stunned and on the scene of the disaster the bulk of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and extent of the blow. The total number of victims is variously estimated from 50,000 to 150,000.

As further facts concerning stricken Messina become available they corroborate in every detail the worst fears heretofore expressed. The cathedral, municipal buildings, the barracks and the prisons are all destroyed and presumably all the smaller buildings shared the same fate. Of two hundred and eighty railroad employees in the station at Messina, only eight are known to have survived while at Reggio the silence of death leaves to the imagination the terrible havoc wrought by the catastrophe with the horrible rush of the sea, the swallowing up of boats, the crushing of ships and the destruction of bridges and walls. The sea became almost instantly covered with debris after the upheaval, containing refuse of every description, dotted with human bodies.

When day dawned the entire shore line of the surrounding country was utterly changed in appearance. The coast line was almost entirely altered while all of the magnificent houses along the shore, only a few tottering ruins remained. From these ruins from time to time there sprang jets of flame and smoke.

King Victor Emmanuel and the queen, who left yesterday for the scene of the disaster, have won the heartfelt thanks and golden opinion of their subjects by continuing in this noble manner the traditions of the house of Savoy, which makes the sovereign actually share in all the sufferings of his people no matter how risky they may be.

People with tears in their eyes assisted in the departure of the king and his devoted wife, while a veteran pointing to his majesty, said: "This is worthy of the son of King Humbert, who I remember risked his life amid the ruins of Casa Miccica when it was destroyed by an earthquake, and stood at the death bed of Neapolitans when during the cholera epidemic of 1884 the victims in Naples amounted to a thousand daily, and later personally directed the rescue work during the floods at Venezia."

The premier has received a telegram from Signor Faller, a deputy at Messina, summing up the situation as follows:

"Messina is completely destroyed and razed to the ground. The victims may be numbered by tens of thousands. The conflagration which is still raging is completing the destruction of the city. Salvage implements, firemen and soldiers must be sent instantly. The disaster exceeds the wildest imagination."

The volcano Stromboli is active and the sea around the island are very agitated and dangerous navigation.

The pope has telegraphed the archbishop at Palermo a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the survivors.

It is feared that the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than one hundred thousand while the damage to property will be several hundreds of millions.

Persons arriving at Catanzaro from the coast state that Messina is still blazing, despite the torrential down-pour of rain. News reaching Catanzaro from the outlying districts in Calabria indicates that thirty-five towns and villages have been wiped out with the number of dead in that district alone exceeding 30,000. The few survivors have fled to the forest and mountain slopes where they are subsisting on roots and the bark of trees.

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AT CITY FARM

The Inmates Enjoy an Entertainment

The inmates at the city farm were entertained last night in the chapel of the institution and right thoroughly did they enjoy it. The entertainment was begun at about 8 o'clock. The Glendale quartet was there in all its glory and there are few quarters in town that have anything on the Glendale. James Donnelly, the well known singer, gave imitations of Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian, and he pleased mightily. The Apple sisters, Corey and Sevier, entertained with great satisfaction and William E. Thornton was heard to good advantage in monologues "Ten" Gal-laway, the ventriloquist, contributed cheerfully and entertainingly as did Fred Belmont, a master storyteller, and Miss Jennie McGinnis, favored with reading, and the new actors of the most recent in the history of the institution.

SEWERS

MADE BY GANG UNDER THE HIL DRETH BUILDING.

The gang employed at sewer work in front of the Hildreth building are now at work on the sewer under the Hildreth street sewer and in and out of the sewer are ordered to go and work on the sewer for a fifth day.

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For New Catholic Church on Mammoth Road

A Catholic church is to be built on a lot of land in Mammoth road, direct-ly opposite Seventh avenue. The lot contains about four acres, has a front of about 250 feet and is owned by W. T. S. Bartlett. Lawyer Thos. J. Wright has been in conference with Mr. Bartlett concerning the purchase of the land and the final papers are about to be passed. A large number of the parishioners of St. Patrick's church come from Pawtucketville, and it is expected that the new church will be started as soon as possible.

COTTON FUTURES
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 2.98; Jan. 2.97; Feb. 2.97 bid; March 2.97; April 2.97; May 2.97; June 2.97; July 2.97; Aug. 2.97; Sept. 2.97; Oct. 2.97.

Phenomenal Showing by the Merrimack Clothing Comp'y

LOWELL

Interesting Figures Published by Humphrey O'Sullivan, Treas., for the Benefit of the Lowell Public, and Merchants Throughout the United States.

Reading in the New York papers of last Sunday statements of some of the leading merchants of the city that they estimated an increase of 20 per cent. in their Christmas business over the previous year, but that they were unable to give the exact figures at the moment of giving their interview, this led me to compare the sales of the Merrimack Clothing Company for Christmas, 1908, with Christmas, 1907, and the month of December, 1908, with the month of December, 1907, as follows:

The increase for the month of December up to and including Dec. 24th was 38 per cent. over 1907;

The increase for Dec. 24th, 1908, over Dec. 24th, 1907, was 59 per cent;

Every department in the store showing an increase for the month up to and including the day of the 25th over the corresponding day and corresponding part of the month of December, 1907.

This we are glad to publish to show that the retail business in the city of Lowell has improved to a far greater extent than in the metropolis of New York, of which fact the people of Lowell ought to be glad and proud.

Personally I want to thank the people of Lowell for the patronage they extended to the Merrimack Clothing Co. during the many years of its existence, but particularly since I have gotten into the harness. Many people in Lowell were not aware that I was identified with the Merrimack Clothing Co., and really I do not blame them for it. I could not give much time to it and exploit the O'Sullivan Rubber Co.

Some people thought the Merrimack Clothing Co. was a branch of A. Shuman's of Boston, while as a matter of fact, all the interest he had in the store was his good will, which we prize very highly.

Having said so much, let me tell you something that will interest you. On Friday next a sealed price sale of high grade merchandise in every department will be inaugurated by the Merrimack Clothing Co., including the Men's, Boys' and Women's departments.

By a sealed price sale is meant that in the first place the Merrimack Clothing Co., as a company, makes a positive statement through its treasurer to the public, and the Merrimack Clothing Co. must make good to the public when such a statement is made. It means that no prices will be published for which the merchandise will be sold. There will be no "piping off" of favorites by clerks or by the manager; the merchandise will be prepared for sale, and the prices will be unknown to anyone having to do with them until they are put on the goods on Friday morning, Jan. 1st. It means cutting away from the old style of flaring figures and, instead, dealing in facts and values—what the people want.

Our idea of a sealed price sale may be likened to the sealed orders given to a commander going to sea. At the time of our New Management Sale, early in December, no clerk in the store knew what price was going to be made on the goods until the morning of the sale; neither did the Manager. They all thought they knew, but they didn't; neither will they in this sale. Faith will have to be kept with the public in merchandising as well as in other things.

Further particulars of this sale, which is to commence Friday, January 1st, will be printed in a subsequent issue.

HUMPHREY O'SULLIVAN, Treasurer.

C. M. A. C. WON

Three Points From the K. of C.

Two games in the Catholic league series were played on the evening of last night. In the game between the C. M. A. C. and Knights of Columbus the former team won all three points. The winner of the winning team was left none.

In the game between the Belvideres and St. Louis, the Belvideres took two of the three points.

Two games were also played in the minor league series. The game between the Nationals and Americans was so one-sided that the only question after the first strike was as to how much the Nationals would win by. The Nationals won all three points with comparative ease.

The Centralvilles also won three points from the Lincolns. The scores:

CATHOLIC LEAGUE
C. M. A. C.—Johns, 20; Lencieux, 21; Demers, 28; Parette, 27; Boncher, 20; total, 116.
Knights of C.—R. Lang, 21; Oughlin, 27; Savage, 20; J. P. Donohue, 28; Sub, 20; total, 116.

Belvideres—Coleman, 28; Marren, 28; T. Doyle, 27; Vico, 28; Egan, 29; total, 152.

St. Louis—Hamel, 26; Pliot, 24; Carr, 26; A. J. Doherty, 28; Frappier, 28; total, 132.

MAJOR LEAGUE
Nationals—Fronzette, 28; Buckler, 28; H. Demers, 20; Clapette, 27; P. Demers, 28; total, 123.

Americans—Haggins, 21; Catron, 28; Zippert, 28; Meany, 24; Martin, 21; total, 124.

Centralvilles—J. Grant, 26; Richardson, 26; Redman, 25; W. Grant, 28; Henderson, 28; total, 133.

Lincolns—Wheeler, 21; Gilman, 28; Javel, 21; Carter, 26; Connolly, 28; total, 124.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES
Car Barn—O'Brien, 27; Young, 27; Carter, 28; Lynch, 24; Delmore, 25; total, 131.

Motorcycles and Conductors—Powers, 25; Ed. Mevis, 26; Lewis, 25; Cunniff, 21; C. Regan, 21; total, 128.

DIAMOND NOTES

Billy Hamilton, Clinton, manager of the Lynn team of the New England league, was in Worcester yesterday. He struck into a bunch of baseball players in the rooms of the Pastime Social club, 24 Front street.

In the party were Jesse Burkett, owner of the Worcester; William E. Barnfield, first baseman of the Philadelphia National league team; John H. Sharrett, manager of the Lowell team last season; Frank J. Courtney, who played right field under Hamilton on the Haverhill team last season; Frank J. Doran, catcher of the Lowell team last season; and John Fitzpatrick, who played a portion of last season with the Lawrence team, and M. P. Malone, umpire in the New England and Connecticut leagues last season.

All the big fellows in the group have at one time or another played on a Worcester team, and Hamilton is the senior of them all, as he played on the Worcester team in 1888. The others of the gathering, who at one time or another wore a Worcester uniform, are Burkett, Barnfield, Sharrett and Doran.—Worcester Telegram.

One of the teams in the league that will be greatly strengthened the coming season will be the New Bedford club. The signing of Tommy Dowd to manage that team was a 10-strike for the Whalers, and under his management the club is sure to enjoy a successful season. Dowd has proven himself to be one of the best managers in the business, and if he can give to New Bedford what he has been giving the fans of the Connecticut league, he will make more than make good. Dowd is a pretty good ball player himself, and while he may not play regularly, he may jump in once and a while and help out. The New England league will be the gainer by the addition of this man, and the New Bedford team in particular will get more return for its money than for some years past. Dowd has his lines out already for next year that will build up the team.—Lawrence Eagle.

The local baseball management will announce some important news of interest to the local baseball fans in a few days. At present the management is seeking winter players who were in a faster league than the New England last season, and if they can be secured they will greatly strengthen the local team. According to reports manager Eason has signed a number of men for next season, and has practically filled every position, so that some interesting deals may be released shortly.—Lawrence Telegram.

Manager Billy Hamilton is going after the pennant for Lynn next season, and has been told to go ahead and get the men regardless of expense. Such being the case, the veteran will undoubtedly be in the running right off the reel. He can produce the goods with the backing.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

In the Collinsville mission which was very prettily decorated for the occasion, Christmas, was fittingly observed by a Sunday school concert. The program as presented was as follows: Song by the choir, scripture reading; duet by Miss Beal and Mr. Hamblitt; recitations by Hazel Macdonald, E. Peasley, Violet Shanks, Arthur Macdonald, Ethel Wiggin, Alice Wiggin, A. Roddick, and Myrtle Dixon; solo, Miss Hutchinson; solo, Walter Hutchinson; quartet, the Misses Belle Hutchinson and Inez Beal, Mr. Hamblitt and Mr. Brown; selections, Miss Sells, Harwood, Frank Hutchinson, Mr. Hamblitt. The play was Miss Mary Brown, W. P. Hamblitt was leader of the singing.

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ATTELL'S BOUT
McKey Knocked Out in Eighth Round

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Abe Attell retained the feather-weight championship by knocking out "Big" McKey in the eighth round last night before the West Side Athletic club.

From the beginning of the bout which was limited to 15 rounds, it became apparent that Attell's speed was too much for his opponent, and although McKey offered a game fight, at no stage of the contest did he develop a likelihood of winning.

Attell played entirely for the stomach and McKey, after fairly withstanding this forceful attack for six rounds, showed unmistakable signs of weakening in the seventh. In the eighth he was floored with a left in the stomach and twice more in the same round he went down to regain his feet at the cost of time but a right to the heart put him down for the limit.

Welter-weight Dave Barry refereed. It was the first championship fight held in New Orleans in the past fifteen years.

EASY FOR MURPHY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Eugene Murphy of South Boston was up against an easy proposition when he met Paddy Sullivan here last night before the Knickerbocker club. In what was advertised as a 10-round go.

Sullivan did not fight at all, and kept running away from Murphy. The South Boston boy was willing and anxious to fight and tried his best to do so, but there was nothing Sullivan seemed to dislike so much as fighting, and Murphy could not keep track of him long enough to make it look like a fight. The spectators howled for Sullivan to be taken off and somebody who could fight substituted. Sullivan did not and three punches during the bout.

Murphy, on the other hand, walloped Sullivan right and left whenever he could get next to him.

No decision is given in these bouts, and none was necessary last night, for there was no one in the ring but Murphy.

BURNS CRIES FRAUD
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—In a cablegram to a friend in this city, Tommy Burns, who held the title of heavyweight champion of the world and lost it to Jack Johnson, in Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26, says he is willing to meet the giant negro again, and charges fraud inasmuch as he says that Johnson's seconds influenced him in stopping the contest and that he was strong at the end. Following is the cablegram:

"Johnson's seconds influenced me in stopping contest. I was strong and had a chance as had Nelson and Gans. Johnson was tired. When I fight Johnson again and win, that's my chance."

JACK BLACKBURN WON
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—A hard-fought bout at the Bourse, 8 p. m. last night, Jack Blackburn and Ed. McKey, who were both in the world of the game, fought a hard and a good fight.

The Englishman fought back with the mill and the black man on the defensive. However, the colored man was too strong and clever for the Englishman, and was the winner all the way. The last round of the bout was a hot one. Blackburn, who missed a stroke in the fifth, rushed Blackburn to the ring, and swung both hands to the face and followed it up with a left swing in the month. Blackburn came back strong with three lefts to pose, which ended the fight.

Jack kept a running away at the end, but Mansfield bowed in. Jack caught him with a right to jaw that knocked him out.

because of the attitude of the police in this city. Billy Dolan repeated yesterday his assertion that he will not allow Kaufman to meet Johnson because of the latter's color. If Dolan sticks to this policy, therefore, the only man left who is capable of giving Johnson a fight is the negro middleweight, Sam Langford, who now says that under certain circumstances he may make a match with the new champion. Langford fought Johnson some time ago in Boston and was beaten on a decision at the end of fifteen rounds. Langford defeated Joe Jeannette, a local colored heavyweight, last fall at the National A. C. in this city, the bout lasting six rounds.

Jeannette has tackled Johnson on seven different occasions. They fought a six round bout in Philadelphia in May, 1907. In another bout in the same city Jeannette won on a foul in two rounds. Then followed another six round draw in December of the same year, with a similar bout in January, 1906. In March of that year Johnson beat Jeannette in a fifteen round battle in Baltimore. The following September they battled six rounds to a draw again and then indulged in a ten round draw in Portland, Me. In addition to his go with Jeannette in this city Langford got a decision over Jeannette in six rounds at Lawrence in 1904 and then scored a clean cut victory over him in fifteen rounds at Chelsea. They also fought a twelve round draw in 1907 and another of the same length in Boston. On "Dope" Langford looks to have a chance with Johnson, who, it must be considered, has improved greatly in the last two years. Langford has long been regarded as a remarkable pugilist, and when he knocked Jim Flynn out recently in less than a round his stock received a big boost. He is a foot 7 1/2 inches tall and can do good work at 165 pounds. He is clever and a terrific hitter. Among the fighters he has defeated are George Gunther, Young Peter Jackson, Larry Temple, Jeanette, Tiger Smith, Jeff Thorn, Sandy Ferguson and John Wille. Langford has knocked out Jim Farley, who meets Kaufman tonight, twice. Both bouts were held in Boston and Barry lasted two and three rounds respectively.

Mike Schreck, the western heavyweight, says he is glad that Burns was beaten by Johnson and gives as a reason his statement that Burns wanted him to post a \$5000 stake to fight Schreck, who would pretend to be knocked out. Schreck insists that he made Johnson quit in Chicago some time ago and wants another crack at the new champion. Schreck will meet Marvin Hart in a twenty round bout in Lexington, Ky., Thursday night. This bout is generally regarded as a pose.

The betting in Los Angeles is 2 to 1 that Kaufman will knock out Jim Barry at the Jeffries club tonight. The men will go practically to a finish. They are matched to box forty rounds. It is possible that three champions, Jeffries, Corbett and Sullivan, will be at the ringside.

Instead of making a match with Driscoll, as Attell says he may, Driscoll will journey over to Centralville in January, and after that some more fighting Nelson at catch weights. An effort is being made to make a European bout between Driscoll and Sullivan.

Driscoll's license was revoked, it is said, because holders of them were engaged in serving food as their business, and they were holding bets, so that they could keep on a Sunday and sell fruit, newspapers and other commodities.

280 LICENSES
REVOKED BY THE BOARD IN BOSTON
To STON, Dec. 30.—Following an investigation by a policeman, 280 licenses for common victualers, so called, have been revoked.

Secretary Board of the licensees has been notified by the city clerk that the licenses have been revoked, and that the holders of them were engaged in serving food as their business, and they were holding bets, so that they could keep on a Sunday and sell fruit, newspapers and other commodities.

BASKETBALL
THE SODALITY FIVE TROUNCES CO. M TEAM
Last evening in the armory the Sodality Five gave Co. M one of the most severe drubbings meted out to a team so far this season, defeating it by a score of 56 to 2. The game was very one-sided, as the score indicates, and from a spectator's point of view was one of the poorest games seen in the armory this season. The Sodality boys could score a goal whenever they felt like it. When it came to floor work the Acre boys made them look like a bunch of school children. For the Sodality Five every man played an unusual game, while for Co. M Simmons excelled.

TIGERS WON
Tigers 20 defeated the Crescents 30 by a score of 30 to 1. The feature of the game was the playing of Thomas and Conley of the winners. Thomas had 13 baskets to his credit. The summary:

Crescents 3d
1. Brennan
2. Peterson
3. Harrington
4. J. Peterson
5. Brennan

Tigers 2d
1. J. Conney
2. J. Thomas
3. J. Cohen
4. J. Thomas
5. J. Watson

Referee, Cole. Time, two 20 halves.

The Jolly Campers, one of the best amateur teams traveling around Lowell, will journey over to Centralville this evening (Wednesday) to play the Mysteries 1st team, and feel pretty confident that they can score a win over the Biscuit boys, but they realize that they are tackling a tough proposition. A large crowd will accompany the Campers and there will be something doing from start to finish.

TOOK POISON
COHEN FAMILY SAY IT WAS A MISTAKE
BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Isaac Cohen, 45 years old, living with his wife and family on the top floor of the dwelling house 29 Hale street, West End, where he also conducted a watch-making and repairing establishment, died about noon yesterday just as an ambulance from the Relief hospital was about to take him away. Cohen, which he had taken earlier in the day, caused his death.

His wife and family say that he did not take the poison intentionally, declaring that he believed he was handling a bottle containing medicine which he has been using for several weeks. The fluid that caused his death they say, he used on watches, and he took it from the closet by mistake.

MGR. GRIFFIN
TO GIVE OPENING PRAYER IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WORCESTER, Dec. 30.—Mgr. Thos. Griffin, pastor of St. John's Catholic church in this city, will give the opening prayer in the house of representatives. Representative James H. McLean of this city has been notified that he is the dean of the house and as such it is his privilege to invite the clergyman who will offer prayer. Mgr. Griffin is St. John's pastor and he has tendered the honor to him.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS
ENJOYED THE SIGHTS IN SALEM
A number of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association have been enjoying themselves in a very profitable manner during the past few days. On Monday afternoon about 25 boys, mostly students at the high school, accompanied by Secretary Williams, paid a visit to the Textile school and were shown through the different departments. Mr. Conant of the Textile school faculty acted as guide and explained the various departments and different machinery to the visitors.

Yesterday morning eleven of the younger boys of the association with Mr. Williams visited the City of Witches. They were met at the Salem depot by Mr. Perry who is connected with the Y. M. C. A. in that city and were shown all the historic places in Salem.

The Grimshaw house, the house of seven gables, the birthplace of Hawthorne, the seaman's hotel (where the parson, an old sea captain, told the boys some real salt sea stories), the witches' house, the Essex institute, and the Peabody museum, were all visited in turn. The boys then visited the Y. M. C. A. and had a delightful swim in the natatorium.

After watching the performance of the Salem boys in an exhibition of gymnastic work, the Lowell boys returned on the 129 train.

This makes the second of these trips. Boston and Lynn having visited on the day after "Thanksgiving."

The many friends of Dr. Allard will be pained to hear that he is ill at his home, 1039 Bridge street.

LIQUOR DEALERS
Fear That Spotters Have Caught Them
BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 30.—It was reported on good authority last night that many men engaged in the sale of liquor in this city have been caught by spotters. The January term of superior court convenes in Saco next Tuesday and it will not be known until the grand jury reports whether the dealers have been indicted on spotter evidence. Last night all the liquor men were on the anxious seat.

Deputy Sheriff Littlefield, Chick, Andrews and Goldthwaite, whose term of office expires Thursday night, yesterday afternoon searched shops where they suspected liquor was sold. At the drug store at 20 Washington street and at the East End drug store they made seizures. They did not find liquor at the other places. Kerwin and Focival, the proprietors, will be tried next Thursday.

The city is the driest it has been in years. It is understood that the liquor deputies will continue to make raids until their terms expire.

Last September some of the republican leaders made the statement that when Sheriff-elect Charles O. Emery takes his oath of office, Jan. 1, every liquor shop in Biddeford will be closed and the actions of the deputies this week indicate that this prediction will be fulfilled to the letter.

POLICE RAID
FURNISHINGS IN SEVERAL HOUSES DESTROYED
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Policemen armed with crowbars smashed furniture of every description early yesterday in five houses in Sixth avenue, between 30th and 31st street, driving the furniture into the street until they had completed the work of destruction so far as beds, tables, chairs and other furniture were concerned. Only half-a-dozen big mirrors were spared in three of the buildings, which were gone through from cellar to roof, and everything left in the greatest confusion, and it was only because of a superstition that the mirrors were not broken.

The usual crowd of hangers-on in the district opened their eyes wide when the police swooped down and began to smash everything that hindered them in their work. Many of the doors of the houses entered had padlocks, beside the usual locks, and these were ruthlessly smashed with crowbars or axes carried by the police.

It was said that the raid had been determined upon because of many complaints that were made by merchants and others in the neighborhood of disorderly houses and persons visiting the dwellings, but although there were many persons in the houses when the police broke in, no arrests were made.

THE LOWELL SUN WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30 1908

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

Paper Patterns
McCall's Bazaar
Patterns are the
best and the
cheapest and big-
gest assortment of
styles; easiest to
work with—10c
and 15c Each—
none higher.

A fire that broke out in a large barn on the Rice place in Tewksbury at about 4 1/2 o'clock last evening, destroyed

ALL CALENDARS, BOOKLETS AND CARDS ARE ONE-HALF PRICE

PRESIDENT CASTRO FRANK C. WASLEY

Says He is a Slave to Honor and Duty

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Senator Castro left the hospital and returned to the Esplanade hotel yesterday afternoon. The ex-president of Venezuela was asked if there was any truth in the statement published in various newspapers to the effect that he left Venezuela knowing what was going to happen.

Senator Castro who has already given an irritated over unfounded press reports concerning his movements and affairs, at first refused to discuss the matter and then calmly made the following reply:

"No, for I had never suspected such a thing. I would have remained in Venezuela, even had my life been imperiled, because I have always been and am now the slave to honor and duty. The only fear I have is the fear of God."

"It is rumored that the Venezuelan government will request your extradition from Germany in order to inflict you," Castro was informed.

"I do not consider that possible," replied Castro, "since no such covenant is in existence between Venezuela and Germany. The only convention between the two countries relates to trademarks and is dated 1882. Extradition treaties exist only with Belgium, Spain and Italy. But even supposing such an intention exists, only the slightest hint is necessary, and I am willing to go to

Venezuela and prove my political honor."

"I believe I would be the gainer from this in the public opinion. I would suggest that an international tribunal judge me, that justice might be accorded to Venezuela and to me."

Senator Castro declined to give any further statement, but he discussed events in Venezuela since the change in government, expressing pleasure that there had been so little bloodshed. He thought that his brother, General Castro, had acted correctly in obeying orders to give up the arms and ammunition in his charge, thus avoiding a conflict.

Concerning the intention of Gomez to settle outstanding foreign questions, Castro stated that Gomez was acting as he thought best, but declared that the action of Venezuela hitherto was justified. He did not intend, however, to interfere and had not communicated with Venezuela in any way.

Castro is still under the care of Dr. Israel, who consented to his return to the hotel as the hospital surroundings and confinement were adversely affecting his patient. Senator Castro goes out daily in an automobile. He lives quietly and is strictly following the regime laid out for him. Dr. Israel says an operation will not be necessary.

FOUND IN WOODS DANCING PARTY

Patrick Brennan Died Conducted by Company K at Highland Club

HIS BODY WAS DISCOVERED BY TWO BOYS

The Dead Man Identified by Means of a Foresters' Card Found in His Pocket. He Was Last Seen on Dec. 19, When He Started to Visit His Sister

While rabbit hunting in the woods of West Billerica, yesterday, not far from the Chelmsford line, two boys, sons of Robert Handley, of Somerville, discovered the body of a man. The latter had apparently been dead several days and proved to be Patrick J. Brennan, of 165 Fayette street, this city. When found the unfortunate man was lying in the snow with his coat off and with his hat lying some distance from the body. The deceased was identified by a card found in one of the pockets of the coat bearing the man's name and residence. The card was that of the Foresters, and showed him to be a member of one of the local organizations of that order.

The proper town authorities were immediately notified, and Dr. J. V. Briggs, medical examiner for northern Middlesex, was called. After making two careful examinations of the body he came to the conclusion that death was due to exposure.

The body was brought to this city and taken to the funeral parlors of M. H. McDonough & Sons, where later in the night it was positively identified by relatives, who had previously notified the local police that Brennan was missing.

Investigation disclosed the fact that Brennan had left this city a week ago Saturday night, Dec. 19, for Chelmsford, saying that he intended visiting a sister, Mrs. Sheehan, who lived two miles from the end of the Chelmsford car line. At the time he was in the company of William Curran. That was the last time that either Curran or any of the man's relatives had seen him.

The supposition is that Mr. Brennan in the dusk had strayed from the road, lost his way, and became exhausted in endeavoring to find a path which would lead him out of the woods.

Kittredge's orchestra, Prescott, Friday night.

WINTER TERM

AT LOWELL COMMERCIAL COLLEGE BEGINS MONDAY

After the largest fall attendance in its history, the Lowell Commercial college announces its winter term, to begin January 4 for the day and January 5 for the evening sessions. This seems to be a valuable opportunity for all those who have for any reason dropped out of the public school during the fall term, for those who live on the line have been too busy to make an earlier start, and all who for any reason wish to make up for lost time in their education.

We recommend a call at this busy downtown institution. Both the campus and the parent who visit the school must be astonished at the number and size of the school rooms, their splendid equipment and the sea of open-faced faces, intent upon entering a profitable sale or paying the note that has become due in the bookkeeping department, or transcribing the coming business letter at the typewriter, without error in sense and without typewriting sales. The sound of fifty typewriters all clicking at once is certainly the tone of a bustling and successful school.

In these days of hard work and less leisure, the parent who sends his child to school and when the all-growing wonder for bread-and-butter studies for the average boy and girl, the parent business courses of this time, which afford an increased percentage, since it contributes most practically and in the shortest period of time to the earning power of the family.

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THE LATE INSPECTOR WASLEY.

State Inspector Died Very Suddenly This Morning

The community of Lowell was shocked to learn the sad intelligence of the sudden death this morning of State Inspector Frank C. Wasley, at his late home, 775 Bridge street. Death is attributed to heart failure. The deceased was 65 years of age and had been a resident of Lowell for about 40 years and was among the best known and most respected citizens of the city. He was familiarly known as "Major" Wasley, although his actual military title, gained during the Civil war, was first lieutenant and brevet captain.

He was born at Mitcham, England, near London, in 1843, and came to this country with his father and other members of his family, who were four years old. They settled at Chelmsford and later went to Manchester, N. H.

When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the Second N. H. regiment and served with distinction being promoted from the ranks.

After the war Mr. Wasley came to Lowell and for 24 years was master of the Lowell and Hingham Manufacturing company. Twelve years ago the late lamented Gov. Greenhalge appointed him state inspector of factories, and this position he has filled to the present time. He was at work yesterday morning performing his duties as inspector at the Merrimack Mill Co.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph N. Marston of this city. The deceased was a highly esteemed member of Pentecost lodge, F. & A. M., Post 120 of E. R., and Centralville lodge, I. O. O. F.

MEADOW BROOK FARM

"Meadow Brook Farm," another of W. F. Mann's attractions, has as its foundation the mysterious disappearance of "Hobbs' daughter," sixteen years prior to the opening of the story. The play is an intensely strong drama with touches of pathos and comedy, and is a masterpiece of the production is first class in all details, as in scenery and costumes and the cast is headed by J. J. McLaughlin, "Meadow Brook Farm" will be given at the Opera House, January 1 and 2, with a matinee.

"PAID IN FULL"

of "Paid in Full" Eugene Walters play which the Wagonwheels & Kemper Co. will present with the New York cast at the Opera House, January 1 and 2, with a matinee.

YIDDISH PLAYERS

Myers, who head the Prager-Dreyer Yiddish theatre company, which will appear at the Opera House, January 1 and 2, with a matinee.

HATHAWAY'S THEATRE

Miss Lash, the emotionist

beautiful soprano voice won her many friends in Lowell when she appeared last week. Don't miss this big entertainment. Tickets are all the more required. It gets you the best seat in the house.

THEATRE VOYONS

The program offered at the Theatre Voyons today is a most pleasing one and even the most fastidious can find nothing wrong with the bill. "The War of the Clouds" is a pleasing story picture of a little one's holiday and of kindness of a rich child toward a poor street boy. "The Quakers" is an exceptionally well acted dramatic story picture made by the world famous Pathe Bros. and work of any actors on the American legitimate stage. "The Antique Wardrobe" is a clever comedy acted with a cast of now and really funny comedians. "The Quakers" is a prize and many laughs in the picture. An Indian song, "Red Moon," is well sung and one of the best ballads of the year. "The Old Lady" was a hit from the first singing.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Nancy C. Hartford, late of Lowell, in said County, deceased, in the County of Suffolk, to some other suitable person.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Rubie E. Foster, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, twenty-ninth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 190, of the Acts of 1908, I, John Meade, of Lowell, Mass., do hereby give notice that I have made written application to the Lowell Institution for Savings, Lowell, Mass., for a duplicate book of records of said Institution, in the name of Bridget Meade, in trust for John F. Meade.

(Signed) JOHN F. MEADE, Lowell, Mass., Dec. 29, 1908. D2905 J-11-03

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate of Joshua W. Daniels, of Lowell, in said County, an insane person.

Whereas, Nathan D. Pratt, the guardian of said insane person, has presented his petition for license to sell private real estate belonging to the said named insane person, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, certain real estate therein specified, of his ward for investment.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, twenty-sixth day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

WANTED

SECOND HAND FURNITURE wanted, of all kinds. Highest prices paid. A. Edwards, 127 Fletcher st., Tel. 1978-5.

BOARDERS AND ROOMERS wanted at the Quince House, 32 Lee st. Men, ladies, \$2.00; gentlemen, \$2.50 a week. Rooms with electric lights, hot and cold water, and all modern improvements.

TWO SMALL CHILDREN wanted to care for by the week. Address Mrs. Williams, R. F. D. No. 2, Lowell, Mass.

BOOKS WANTED.—In sets. Libraries, large and small. Catalogues sent. Merritt's Book Store, 271 Middlesex st.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY LOANED salaried people, retail merchants, teamsters and others, without security, easy payments, office in leading office, Tolson, room 40, Hildreth building, 45 Merrimack street.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The membership of the Dramagraph stock company has been augmented by the arrival of a well known actor from New York who started in with the week making six members of the company in addition to the stage manager, the orchestra and the chorus. The effect of this new arrival will be the performance of a new play, "The Alaskan Mining Company," a play of the highest quality, and the company will present the same during the week.

AGENTS

ROOM 10 HILDETH BUILDING 45 MERRIMACK STREET

One per Cent.

LOANS with or without security, salaried people, merchants, boarding house keepers and others. Will lend on any reasonable amount of money at 1 per cent. per month. No money advanced until money is paid. Address: Merrimack Loan Co., Room 10, Hildreth Building, 45 Merrimack Street.

Merrimack Loan Co.

ROOM 10, 45 MERRIMACK ST. Hours 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

HELP WANTED

CUTTERS WANTED.—A few more first-class cutters can find steady employment with Dodge Bros., Newburyport, Mass.

VENDING MACHINES.—We started one year ago with 1250 vending machines. We are now sole owners of 1250. You can soon have a weekly income by starting on our new machine. It is a money making business, investment, \$500. 621 Commercial st., Philadelphia, Pa.

AGENTS WANTED to sell HILL'S celebrated No. 1 Rubber-Need. A preparation to make shoes waterproof. Sells for 10 cents. Call 7 to 8 evenings, 601 Merrimack st., room 3.

EXPERIENCED HOUSE GIRL wanted. Apply mornings at 108 High st.

REFUEL WANTED on best shaver, on McKay work. Apply Stover & Bean, Thordike st.

FOR SALE

A BAKER SHOP in a fine location, horse, also baker, for sale. The owner is leaving the city and therefore will sacrifice at a great bargain. Address 2 E. Sun Office.

POOL and BILLIARD privilege for sale. Knowlton Lake Park, with 50 tables, etc. for sale. Price \$2500.00. For sale in Newburyport, Mass. Box 175, Haverhill, Mass.

PIANOS.—Rare bargains at 65 Dover st. High grade, all grades. Fine upright \$60.00 if sold this week. Mrs. Robinson, Tel. 2112.

TRY HILL'S CELEBRATED NO. 1 RUBBER-NEED. Guaranteed to make shoes positively waterproof. Price 10 cents for large box. For sale in Newburyport, Mass. Box 175, Haverhill, Mass.

GROCERY STORE for sale, doing fine cash business. Rent only 45 months. Two rooms connected. Clean stock room. Must sacrifice. Be quick, \$200.00. 25 Prescott st.

HORSES FOR SALE.—5 horses just delivered to be sold this week. Horse clipping by steam power. Address 2 E. Sun Office.

RANGE FOR SALE.—A new, well water front and high shelf, used one year. Must be sold by Friday, 203 Gibson st.

SPANISH POODLES for sale, 221 Thordike st.

HORSE FOR SALE.—Good young mare, 4 years old, weight 1250, clever and kind. Inquire 2 E. Sun Office.

FOUR UPRIGHT PIANOS in good condition, for sale, full price, \$250.00, \$275.00, \$310.00, \$315.00. Call early and secure first choice as all these pianos will be sold before Christmas. Call at 110 Merrimack st.

COW.—New milk cow, family cow for sale. Inquire 101 Greenmount ave, Duane Centre.

A BAKER SHOP in a fine location, horse, also baker's team for sale. The owner is leaving the city and therefore will sacrifice at a great bargain. Address 2 E. Sun Office.

FIFTY PULLETS, R. I. Reds, for sale. Apply at 2 West Tenth st.

SECOND HAND FURNITURE of all kinds, anything you have to sell we will buy and pay more than any other dealer. See us at 2 West Tenth st.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

COTTAGE HOUSE on West street, for sale, partly going away and will sell for \$1000.00. For a couple of hundred dollars down and the remainder as rent. Apply 115 Fennell st., or phone 2263-13.

NICE TWO TENEMENT HOUSE for sale, all modern improvements, large lot, with bath, furnace and everything up-to-date, with all modern appliances, the mill, factories, churches, and schools in the residential part of Cambridge. Apply 115 Fennell st., or phone 2263-13.

3-BED ROOM HOUSE for sale. Nicely situated, near car line, on West 10th st. and steam heat, 500 feet of land, \$2000. Eugene G. Russell, 107 Middlesex st., near depot.

4-BED ROOM HOUSE on Westford st. for sale, good lot of land, set tubs and laundry. Eugene G. Russell, 107 Middlesex st., near depot.

7-BED ROOM HOUSE for sale with bath and furnace heat, in good part of the city. High grade, 5000 feet of land, 10 min. to cars. \$2500. Eugene G. Russell, 107 Middlesex st., near depot.

7-BED ROOM HOUSE for sale with bath and furnace heat, 1000 feet of land, nicely situated near A. st. 2 minutes to car line. Eugene G. Russell, 107 Middlesex st., near depot.

GOOD PAVING PROPERTY for sale. No. 22 Walnut st. Inquire of James R. Adams, Billerica Road.

TWO TENEMENT HOUSE on Central st. Near Davis square. Collins & Hogan, real estate and insurance, Mansur block.

LADY'S SMALL HAND BAG, containing eyeglasses and a sum of money, lost on the 132 Fletcher st. car, Dec. 29. Finder return to W. J. Wilson, 29 Varny st., Roward.

SMALL GRAY PUPPY, lost Monday. Reward for return at 5 Merrimack st.

MONEY FOUND, which owner can have by proving property and paying for this ad. at 269 Fletcher st.

TO LET

FURNISHED ROOMS to let, steam heat, bath, hot and cold water. Inquire 106 West 10th st.

3-BED ROOM TENEMENT to let at rear 56 Franklin st. Rent \$1.50 per week. Inquire 56 Franklin st.

FOUR and FIVE-ROOM TENEMENTS with bath at 152 Moody st. to let. All new. Telephone 1674-2.

GOOD TENEMENT to let at a low rent at 439 Moody st. Handy to mills and business.

5-BED ROOM FLAT with bath, set tubs, on Andover st. to let, rent \$15. Apply Henry Miller & Son, 2 Wyman's Exchange.

3-BED ROOM TENEMENT, cor. Central and Gay sts. to let. Rent \$12. Apply Henry Miller & Son, 2 Wyman's Exchange.

12-ROOM HOUSE with bath, in Centralville, to let. Good location for boarding and lodging house. Apply Henry Miller & Son, 2 Wyman's Exchange.

STORE and 3-BED ROOM TENEMENT to let. Connected if desired. Inquire 153 Salem st.

AN EXCELLENT WARM BARN with several stalls and yard room on Grove st. to let. Eugene G. Russell, 107 Middlesex st., near depot.

COTTAGE on Chapel st. to let, and a 4 and 7 room flats on Grove st. Inquire Joseph Flynn, 127 Gorham street.

7-BED COTTAGE to let at 1772 Bridge st., seven thousand feet of land, rent \$10.00. Inquire 22 West Fourth st., John P. Cunningham.

GOOD TENEMENT to let at a low rent in Brown's block, Marshall st., key at No. 4.

SIX ROOM TENEMENT at 33 Mead st. to let, all modern conveniences. Rent \$15 per month. Inquire 35 in rear.

NICE TENEMENT on Stackpole st. to let; also nice tenement on George st. In Navy Yard, on Lakeview ave., also cottage on Fifth st. Inquire of John McManis, 212 Merrimack st.

6-BED ROOM TENEMENT in Pawtucketville, to let, pleasant bath, gas, hot water, sewer connection, rent reasonable. Two car lines. Apply 53 Varnum ave., phone 1012-1.

FURNISHED ROOMS and tenements to let. Steam heat. Prices reasonable. 27 Tenth st.

TENEMENT—Good and warm, to let at a low rent. Inquire 429 Moody st.

3-BED ROOM TENEMENTS on Stackpole st. to let, steam heat, hot and cold water. Rent \$15 and \$16 per month. Collins & Hogan, real estate and insurance, Mansur block.

NEARLY NEW APARTMENTS of 6 rooms, bath, electric lights, hot water, sewer connection, rent reasonable. Inquire 1012-1.

FLAT, up-to-date, vacated Dec. 1st, steam heat, electric lights, separate doors. Adults preferred. Rent \$25.00. Inquire 89 Hampshire st.

PHYSICAL, CUFFERS and BOXING INSTRUCTOR, "Glen's" Lodge, Third Street. Open from 12 to 12 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. T. A. elevator.

CLIPPERS sharpened, saw filing, key fitting and badges made to order at Henry Gonzalez, 125 Gorham street. Tel. 562-2.

LIBBING, chimney expert. Chimneys swept and repaired. Residence, 115 Bridge street. Tel. 245.

MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children, and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless. 25¢ only at Fells & Harkins, 40 Middlesex street.

LADIES—Dr. LaFrance's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination of herbs and minerals. Price 25¢. Agents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFrance & Co., Philadelphia, Penn.

IF RUPTURED, Tunny's Improved Support holds up ruptured bowels. Support, 226 Appleton st., Lowell, Mass.

BOARD and ROOMS—Steam heated, all newly furnished. Table board. Mrs. A. Brennan, 10 John st.

SCENIC THEATRE, 51 Middlesex st., near Post Office ave. Moving pictures, full orchestra, good singing. All for 5 cents.

NICE FRAMES, 25 cents. Hats trimmed and made, half price now. Fur hats and neck ribbons made very reasonable. Agnes Berard, Room 41, Chaffinch Block, 22 Central st.

PLUMBER and FITTER, jobbing a specialty. Estimates furnished free. Fred E. Whitney, 214 Market st.

MARY A. MULHOLLAND—Maternity nurse, 655 Gorham st., Tel. 1923-2.

STORAGE—Several places for storage at Scott's block. Inquire 392 Middlesex st.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS—Razors, scissors and knives sharpened. In first class shape, at Harry Gonzalez, 125 Gorham st. Tel. 562-2.

DRINK GOLA for health: sold everywhere.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The Sun is on the "Union station in Boston." Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

SITUATIONS WANTED

SITUATION WANTED by a middle aged woman, who would like to take care of one child and do light housework. Apply to 22 Rock st.

POSITION as HOUSEKEEPER—An American widow wants position in a widow's family, without small children. References given. Address: Housekeeper, 125 Smith st., or telephone 231 city.

A WIDOWER wants an elderly woman as a housekeeper for the winter. No children. Little work. References required. Address: J. J. Sun Office.

HOUSEWOMAN wanted by competent lady. References given. Address: 221 Gorham st., or 15 West Fourth st.

AT DRISSEMARKING—Girl of 15 wants an opportunity to learn dressmaking with first class dressmaker. She is bright and educated and a good sewer. Apply 5 A. G. Sun Office.

ONE DOLLAR GETS

Brand new stable Washington type-writer. Balance to suit. P. M. Linn, 25 Prescott st.

CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS

Sealed proposals, marked "Proposal for Water," will be received by the Chief of the Department of Sanitation, at the City Hall, until 10 o'clock on Monday, January 5, 1909. The proposals will be opened at 11 o'clock on the same day. The Chief of the Department of Sanitation, City of Lowell, Massachusetts.

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150,000 VICTIMS

NIGHT EDITION

OVERDUE STEAMERS

Three of Them Arrive in Boston Today

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—That December weather in the North Atlantic has been unusually boisterous was shown today when three steamers, many days overdue, struggled into port, one of them minus a man and covered with rust and all of them more or less battered and with bunkers swept nearly clean.

From the deck of the Bostonian which sailed from Manchester there was swept on December 13 Charles Sedgewick, twenty years of age, an able seaman whose home was in Manchester. He was never seen again.

The steamer Uman from Fowie was nearly two weeks overdue and came into the harbor red with rust where the hard seas had worn away the paint by their continual pounding. She had one day's supply of coal left in her bunkers.

The Sackem from Liverpool was the third vessel to reach port after a stormy passage of thirty days, the ordinary run being about ten days. She suffered less than the others but still showed the effects of a long battle with westerly gales.

SIGNED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Farnham, today, signed the ordinance providing for a fee of \$25 for licenses for hawkers and peddlers. The pen with which the ordinance was signed was presented today to Mr. James F. McGarvey, the man who was, in reality, responsible for the ordinance. Mr. McGarvey had been working on it for two years.

REPUBLICANS

Want Two Salaried Men Dropped

If the new city government for 1909 carries out its threats, promises, or whatever they might be called, some fairly fat positions at city hall will go by the boards. At the republican caucus held last night it was the sense of the meeting that two high-salaried men should be dropped from the street department and that the man who would be elected to the position of superintendent of streets would have to pledge himself to bring about the removal of the men and the abolition of the offices occupied by them.

SHERIFF EVELETH

DENIES THAT HE IS A CANDIDATE FOR SUPT.

Deputy Sheriff Eveleth denies the statement that he is a candidate for Supt. Moffatt's position as superintendent of police and says that he would not accept the position. There are others, however, both in and out of the department who will gladly accept the responsibilities and the salary of the office if the police commissioners will only give it to them.

POLAND WATER

For Sale by
GEO. A. WILLSON & CO.
F. and E. BAILEY & CO.

FOR RENT

Two-flat apartment house, Boylston st., Oakland. Situated about 100 ft. from Boston and Oakland line of electric. Just finished, with the most modern and up-to-date conveniences. Apply to A. L. Kittredge & Co., 209 Central st.

DEATHS

BRAY—Mary Bray, aged 58 years, died this morning at her late home, 196 Ludlam street. She is survived by a husband Samuel, and four daughters, Margaret, Mrs. John Pickup and Mrs. Michael Kelley, all of Lowell and Mrs. James Turley, of England. A son George, of this city, a sister, Mrs. John Whitelock, of England, and a brother Patrick, of England. The deceased was a highly esteemed member of St. Michael's church.

An Electric New Year Gift

For your girl friend would be an electric curling iron. It is modern and she will be delighted with it. You know it does not smut the hair. No open flame. No odor. Just hot. Attach to any lamp socket.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.

50 Central Street

OF EARTHQUAKE MAJOR HAINS

Was the Principal Witness for His Brother Today

FLUSHING, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Further testimony regarding the marital troubles of Captain Peter C. Hains which it is claimed, took place while he was in the Philippines was heard today in the trial of Thornton J. Hains, indicted with his brother, the army captain. This testimony was adduced from servants in the home of Captain Hains and was brought out by the defense to show the mental condition of the army officer's mind when he learned of the alleged happenings in his home. Much of this unpleasant testimony will be further unfolded when General Peter Hains and his wife are called to the stand. The cross examination by the state's attorneys is of the exhaustive character and the trial promises to last some time. Samuel Chester Reid, a close friend of the Hains family who testified yesterday of declarations made to him by Captain Hains of home troubles, was subpoenaed by the defense. Continued on page three

That Devastated Parts of Southern Italy and Sicily

Reports From the Stricken Districts Indicate That the Disaster is the Worst in History—Great Outpouring of Relief for the Survivors—Shore Line Altered and Beautiful Villas Destroyed—Conflagration Completes the Destruction of Messina and Other Cities

ROME, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily is dead; the other half is weeping. As the great extent of the terrific seismic disturbances become apparent it seems impossible to exaggerate the horrors which have followed them. The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond the grasp of the imagination, because of the innumerable wounded buried in the ruins, many of whom will perish because it is impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes.

The whole of Italy is absolutely stunned and on the scene of the disaster the bulk of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and extent of the blow. The total number of victims is variously estimated from 50,000 to 150,000.

As further facts concerning stricken Messina become available they corroborate in every detail the worst fears heretofore expressed. The cathedral, municipal buildings, the barracks and the prisons are all destroyed, and presumably all the smaller buildings shared the same fate. Of two hundred and eighty railroad employees in the station at Messina only eight are known to have survived while at Reggio the silence of death leaves to the imagination the terrible havoc wrought by the catastrophe with the horrible crush of the sea, the swallowing up of boats, the crushing of ships and the destruction of bridges and walls. The sea became almost instantly covered with debris after the upheaval, containing refuse of every description, dotted with human bodies.

When day dawned the entire shore line of the surrounding country was utterly changed in appearance. The coast line was almost entirely altered while of all the magnificent houses along the shore, only a few tottering ruins remained. From these ruins from time to time there sprang jets of flame and smoke.

King Victor Emmanuel and the queen, who left yesterday for the scene of the disaster, have won the heartfelt thanks and golden opinion of their subjects by continuing in this noble manner the traditions of the house of Savoy, which makes the sovereign actually share in all the sufferings of his people, no matter how risky they may be.

"This is worthy of the son of King Humbert, who I remember risked his life amid the ruins of Casa Micciola when it was destroyed by an earthquake, and stood at the death bed of Neapolitana when during the cholera epidemic of 1884, the victims in Naples amounted to a thousand daily, and later personally directed the rescue work during the floods at Bonvicino."

The premier has received a telegram from Signor Felice, a deputy at Messina, summing up the situation as follows: "Messina is completely destroyed and razed to the ground. The victims may be numbered by tens of thousands. The confusion which is still raging is completing the destruction of the city. Salvage implements, firemen and soldiers must be sent instantly. The disaster exceeds the wildest imagination."

The pope has telegraphed the archbishop at Palermo a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the survivors.

It is feared that the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than one hundred thousand while the damage to property will be several hundreds of millions.

Persons arriving at Catanzaro from the coast state that Messina is still blazing, despite the torrential downpour of rain. News reaching Catanzaro from the outlying districts in Calabria indicates that thirty-five towns and villages have been wiped out with the number of dead in that

district alone exceeding 30,000. The few survivors have fled to the forest clad mountain slopes where they are subsisting on roots and the bark of trees.

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FOUND STARVING

Elderly Woman in Serious Condition

Mrs. Elizabeth Canning, an elderly woman, was found in a dying condition yesterday at her home in Wilson avenue, North Billerica, by Arnold Ritchie, a boy ten years old, who was playing near the house occupied by Mrs. Canning.

The boy was attracted by hearing screams coming from the direction of Mrs. Canning's tenement and at once imparted the information to his mother. Mrs. Ritchie went to the house but was unable to get into the quarters occupied by Mrs. Canning as the doors were locked. The boy, however, was put in through one of the cellar windows and making his way upstairs found Mrs. Canning lying on the floor between the kitchen and the front room.

There was no fire in the house, and the rooms were cold. There was but little food in the tenement. At first it was thought that the woman was dead, as she did not exhibit any signs of life during the first few moments after being found, and the police were notified. Soon, however, she began to recover consciousness, and Dr. G. T. O'Donnell was called in and administered effective treatment.

It was said by the neighbors that Mrs. Canning had no food for water for about two days. The last time any of them saw her was Christmas eve, and since then the house has been closed. This afternoon Dr. O'Donnell said that the woman was posting comfortably and that she would be all right in a few days.

VATIAN DENIES REPORT

ROME, Dec. 30.—The appointment of Bishop Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic university as coadjutor bishop of San Francisco with right of succession to Archbishop Riordan, was officially denied at the Vatican today. It is very probable, however, that Bishop O'Connell soon will be made auxiliary bishop of San Francisco.

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Phenomenal Showing by the Merrimack Clothing Comp'y LOWELL

Interesting Figures Published by Humphrey O'Sullivan, Treas., for the Benefit of the Lowell Public, and Merchants Throughout the United States.

Reading in the New York papers of last Sunday statements of some of the leading merchants of the city that they estimated an increase of 20 per cent. in their Christmas business over the previous year, but that they were unable to give the exact figures at the moment of giving their interview, this led me to compare the sales of the Merrimack Clothing Company for Christmas, 1908, with Christmas, 1907, and the month of December, 1908, with the month of December, 1907, as follows:

The increase for the month of December up to and including Dec. 24th was 38 per cent. over 1907;

The increase for Dec. 24th, 1908, over Dec. 24th, 1907, was 59 per cent;

Every department in the store showing an increase for the month up to and including the day of the 25th over the corresponding day and corresponding part of the month of December, 1907.

This we are glad to publish to show that the retail business in the city of Lowell has improved to a far greater extent than in the metropolis of New York, of which fact the people of Lowell ought to be glad and proud.

Personally I want to thank the people of Lowell for the patronage they extended to the Merrimack Clothing Co. during the many years of its existence, but particularly since I have gotten into the harness. Many people in Lowell were not aware that I was identified with the Merrimack Clothing Co., and really I do not blame them for it. I could not give much time to it and exploit the O'Sullivan Rubber Co.

Some people thought the Merrimack Clothing Co. was a branch of A. Shuman's of Boston, while as a matter of fact, all the interest he had in the store was his good will, which we prize very highly.

Having said so much, let me tell you something that will interest you. On Friday next a sealed price sale of high grade merchandise in every department will be inaugurated by the Merrimack Clothing Co., including the Men's, Boys' and Women's departments.

By a sealed price sale is meant that in the first place the Merrimack Clothing Co., as a company, makes a positive statement through its treasurer to the public, and the Merrimack Clothing Co. must make good to the public when such a statement is made. It means that no prices will be published for which the merchandise will be sold. There will be no "piping off" of favorites by clerks or by the manager; the merchandise will be prepared for sale, and the prices will be unknown to anyone having to do with them until they are put on the goods on Friday morning, Jan. 1st. It means cutting away from the old style of flaring figures and, instead, dealing in facts and values—what the people want.

Our idea of a sealed price sale may be likened to the sealed orders given to a commander going to sea. At the time of our New Management Sale, early in December, no clerk in the store knew what price was going to be made on the goods until the morning of the sale; neither did the Manager. They all thought they knew, but they didn't; neither will they in this sale. Faith will have to be kept with the public in merchandising as well as in other things.

Further particulars of this sale, which is to commence Friday, January 1st, will be printed in a subsequent issue.

HUMPHREY O'SULLIVAN, Treasurer.

6 O'CLOCK

FINDS HIS SISTER

Young Man Searched for Her for Four Years

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 29.—I have found my sister, I have found my mother, and with the blessing of God I hope to leave with her tomorrow for our home in Atlanta, said a young man last evening. He gave his name as Arthur Gantier of Atlanta.

Gantier came here several days ago and began a systematic search for his sister. He said that five years ago his sister, Edna, a bright girl, left home to attend a party and did not return. Their mother was almost broken-hearted, and they made many attempts to find her and spent considerable money.

At last, finding that there was apparently no clue, he said that he decided to make a thorough search in all the cities of the country for her. He did not believe that she had crossed the ocean, and he had only a hope of some day meeting her and inducing her to return.

When he left home he promised his mother not to return without the missing girl, and for four years he searched in vain for her. He was for some time in Boston, he said, and while following what seemed to be a promising clue he was knocked down and robbed. He once worked for some time in a lumber camp to earn money.

At last he got what seemed to be a promising clue and came to Maine. He began at Bangor, and in turn visited and patiently searched Waterville, Augusta, Brunswick, Lewiston, Auburn and Westbrook. Then he went to

Hallowell and saw and searched through the factories.

He believed that his sister left because of a selfish fiancé, and that she feared to write home. He had a theory that he should find her reading her own living, and that she would, when assured of forgiveness, be anxious to go back with him.

He said that he kept his mother advised of the details of his long search, and received from her pitiously pathetic letters. She was growing feeble, but she continued to hope almost against hope.

After he came here he was waiting down Congress street and saw ahead of him a girl. The resemblance to his sister was very striking and he spoke to her. He then saw his mistake and said: "Excuse me, but you resemble my sister, Miss Edna Gantier, very much."

She looked at him and said: "And you look very much like an Edna Gantier I know." He got the address and Miss Gantier called at her boarding house and was told that she would be in about 6 o'clock.

Last evening he went to the house and met his sister just as she was about to go in. The recognition was mutual, and the joy of the girl when told that her mistake in leaving home had been forgiven long ago was great and she was anxious to go back with her brother. She had been for some time at work here.

WANTS A SHARE

Woman Claims \$62,-
000,000 Estate

MARLBORO, Dec. 29.—To obtain possession of a ninth part of a \$62,000,000 estate in France to which she claims a share, Mrs. Joseph J. Mailhot, 133 Broad street, has begun action, through attorneys, and there is not the least doubt in her mind but that her claim will be granted.

The estate was left by the Duc de Grammont, a French nobleman, who owned large properties in Paris. Nearly all the property on the rue de Grammont, one of the fashionable streets of Paris, which was owned almost entirely by the duke.

Those in charge of the estate, finding there were no immediate relatives, have been investigating the family and are reported to have found that there are nine nephews and nieces, one of whom is Mrs. Mailhot, among whom to divide the estate.

Theodore Mailhot, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Mailhot, said: "The Duc de Grammont was forced at one time to leave Paris on account of political troubles and went to Canada, where he remained several years. He then returned to Paris, where he came into full possession of his family's fortune."

"Other members of the Grammont family who came to Canada at the same time as the duke remained on this side."

"Mrs. Mailhot's parents came from Canada to Ashland, where she was born. Later she came to Marlboro. Her mother and all the other members of the duke's family are dead."

"It is understood that one of the nine among whom the estate is to be divided lives in Brooklyn and another lives somewhere in New Hampshire. Several are in Canada and the others in Paris."

AN ARMLESS MAN

Scents Plot to Make
Him Work

ST. PAUL, Dec. 29.—An aversion to work is believed to be the reason for John Anderson, a cripple, not calling for a pair of arms that he had made to order for him by the St. Paul Artificial Limb company, of which John McGuire is manager.

Before the new arms thought of sprouting for John Anderson's shoulders, he was a resident of Marshall, Lyon county. Although harmless, he was a cumbersome charge, and the county commissioners decided to pay John's expenses to St. Paul and buy him a pair of arms which would enable him, by industry, to pay a portion of his keep. John thought he could accomplish more without arms than with them.

The order was given to the St. Paul company for one pair of the best arms, guaranteed to work. John came to St. Paul, was met at the depot by Mr. McGuire, and taken to Bethesda hospital where it was found that he was a feeble man in the hospital. John called once at the company's place on 21st Street and for a "try-on," and then disappeared.

Mr. McGuire has the arms and he expects that he will have the money, but professional pride demands the patient. They say that John had come to a far country, or else back to Marshall, without the working implements, in the hope that people will again listen to his tale of woe.

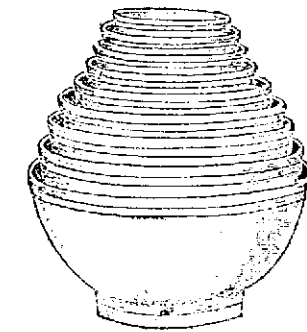
Chapel Hills, Prescott, Friday night.

COTTON FUTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 248; Jan. 272; Feb. 277 bid; March 284; April —; May 287; June —; July 293; Aug. 294; Sept. —; Oct. 292.



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LAND PURCHASED LAPORTE FINED

For New Catholic Church on Mammoth Road For Assaulting Mr. Parsons of West Tewksbury

A Catholic church is to be built on the land and the final papers are about to be passed. A large number of the parishioners of St. Patrick's church came from Pawtucketville, and it is to provide better accommodation for these as well as to relieve the congested conditions at St. Patrick's church. The building of the new church will be started as soon as possible.

HE ACCUSES MRS. ERB

MEDIA, Dec. 30.—The assertion of District Attorney MacDade in his opening address to the jury yesterday in the trial of Mrs. Florence Erb and her sister, Mrs. Katherine Beisel, for the murder of J. Clayton Erb, the well known Philadelphia, that the wife and not the sister-in-law may have fired the shots that killed the captain, has added interest to the already very interesting case. It has all along been alleged that Mrs. Beisel had held the revolver when Erb was killed. Mrs. Beisel is alleged to have made a confession that she had done the killing to save the lives of Mrs. Erb and herself.

TAFT AND BURTON

Are Engaged in Most Interesting Political Struggle

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 29.—The senatorial fight in which Hon. Burton, C. Taft and Senator Foraker are the central figures, is one of the most interesting political struggles the country has witnessed. Mr. Taft and Mr. Burton are doing the bulk of the fighting while Senator Foraker is looking on with no small degree of satisfaction over the hostilities between his two opponents. Both Foraker and Burton oppose a caucus prior to Jan. 12 when the first vote for senator will be taken but Mr. Taft hopes to bring matters to an early issue before a binding conference of the republican state senators and representatives.

The friends of both Mr. Burton and Mr. Taft are claiming that the sympathy of President-elect Taft is with their cause. Claims of victory continued to issue today from the headquarters of Messrs. Taft and Burton, while there was much discussion of the outcome among the candidates. Former Lieut. Gov. Harding of Marion, the fact that Mr. Harding had a number of conferences with Charles B. Taft before allowing his name to be used, lent added interest to his candidacy, and there was also a report that Mr. Harding was not unfavorably regarded at Foraker's headquarters.

The expected return from August, Ga., today of Gen. Wade Ellis, who it is said, discussed the situation in that state with the president-elect in detail, offered a wide range of speculation as to what would be the fruits of his mission.

Mr. Burton denies that there has been even the suggestion of a break between him and W. H. Taft and let it be known that the withdrawal by him from the treasury portfolio in the Taft cabinet was the result of an understanding whereby the president-elect would not be placed in the attitude of offering a high federal position to a leading candidate against his brother, and whereby Mr. Burton would not be placed in the position of relinquishing an avowed candidacy for the senatorship to accept a more easily obtained position in the cabinet.

C. P. Taft's friends say, however, that it is all Mr. Burton's fault that the former has been placed in the attitude of ingratiously opposing a man who rendered faithful service to his brother in the contest for the presidential nomination and subsequently in the campaign. They say that C. P. Taft had every reason to suppose before entering the race that Mr. Burton intended accepting the tender of a cabinet position.

FATALITIES MAY REACH 50

ENNIS, W. Va., Dec. 30.—The fatalities in the Lick branch mine as the result of the explosion yesterday afternoon will probably reach fifty. Today twelve were taken out.

KAUFMAN--BARRY TORPEDO BOATS

Meet in 45 Round Bout
Tonight

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—Because of the possibility that the winner will be deemed to be the logical man to have the next try for the championship against the new champion, Jack Johnson, the forty-five round fight to take place tonight between Al Kaufman and Jim Barry at J. J. Griffin's arena in this city is attracting a great deal of attention. Also this is the largest number of rounds scheduled for a fight between heavyweights for some time and this fact tends to it added interest.

Barry and his manager have both expressed a great willingness to see a match for the heavyweight championship with Jack Johnson should Barry prove the winner tonight, but Billy Delaney who is training Kaufman, said that neither himself, Barry, nor his manager intend to say that Kaufman will fight Johnson in the event that he proves the better man tonight.

The winner of the match is to fight the holder, the affairs of Seattle, and the fact also gives the fight more interest.

Barry is a considerably well known pugilist. He has fought in the past with well known pugilists and has won several fights. He has fought against and won from Jack Johnson in the past. Barry will fight the contest at 153 lbs. and the referee will be a well known pugilist. The fight will be held at 8 o'clock and the referee will be a well known pugilist.

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Damase H. Laporte was arraigned in police court this morning on a complaint charging him with assault and battery on Cyrus W. Parsons of West Tewksbury. Laporte was found guilty and a fine of \$10 imposed. Deputy Welch conducted the case for the government and Stanley L. Qua appeared for the defense.

Cyrus W. Parsons, the complainant, who resides in West Tewksbury, testified in part as follows: "Laporte came to my house about quarter to six Monday evening and said: 'What for you take sand out of my sand bank?' I told him that I had taken none of his sand. You pay me or I will attach your property." He then called me crazy, a fool, a liar, said that I was drunk and that I ought to be in the Tewksbury insane asylum.

"I ordered him out of the house but he refused to go. I started to go towards the door and as I did, my back was towards him. The first thing I knew he gave me a clip over the back of the head and shoulders. He then got hold of me and getting the best of me, threw me into the sink. The hired girl and my daughter clutched with Mr. Laporte and kept him on the run till he got out of the house. After Mr. Laporte was gone I saw that the spider which was on the stove was on the floor and the potatoes, which were in it, were strewn all over the floor. Later witnesses found that the back of his head was cut.

Mary Tracey, engaged as a domestic by Mr. Parsons, said that she admitted Mr. Laporte to the house and thinking that he came to see Mr. Parsons on business, she left the room. A little later she heard loud talk and sounds of scuffling and entering the kitchen found both Mr. Parsons and Mr. Laporte on the floor. Mr. Laporte was on top and had Mr. Parsons by the throat.

Bertha Parsons, a daughter of the complainant, corroborated the testimony offered by the previous witness. Mr. Damase H. Laporte, the defendant, testified that he owns a sand bank in South Lowell. Monday evening he went to Mr. Parsons' house to collect a bill for sand that Mr. Parsons had taken from his bank. He told him that his teams had drawn nine loads of sand and wanted him to pay for it. He then started to use profane language. When he refused to pay witness said he would attach Parsons' property. While witness was going towards the door Mr. Parsons grabbed him by the head and throat and then picked up a spider to hit him. Witness knocked the spider out of Mr. Parsons' hand and in the tussle that followed Laporte pushed Parsons up against the sink.

Laporte was found guilty and a fine of \$10 was imposed.

Milkman Fined \$50
John C. Fox, a milkman of Draught, pleaded not guilty to complaints charging him with having milk below the standard and adding water to milk. The defendant claimed that the milk which was found on his team had been purchased from a milk producer and that as soon as he learned that the milk was not up to the standard he discontinued trading with the producer in question. The case of having milk below the standard was placed on file, but for adding water he was fined \$50.

Hotel Case Continued
The case of Foster S. Thurston and Charles M. Dickey of the New American hotel, charged with the illegal keeping of liquor, was listed for trial today, but was continued till January 11.

Drunken Offenders
It was the second time within a year that Michael J. Riley was before the court and it looked as if he was going to be fined the usual \$6, but Probation Officer Sweeney interceded for Riley, claiming that he was a hard working man and that there was a chance for reformation. He was given a suspended sentence of three months in jail and placed in the hands of the probation officer for one year.

The case of Joseph F. Coughlin was called by the clerk of the court, but it was found that Coughlin was missing. It was later learned that Coughlin's condition necessitated his presence at the city hospital for a few days. Four simple drunks were released.

BARKING OF DOG TROLLEY TIPS

Warned a Providence
Family of Danger

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—A spark from an electric wire in the cellar of the Arcade on Westminster street, the oldest building in the city, started a fire today which before it had been extinguished, did considerable damage.

The janitor, his wife, and two-year-old baby who were asleep on the second story of the building when the fire broke out were aroused by the barking of a dog and were carried down the fire-ladders to safety by the firemen. The wires were in the basement of the A. W. Fairchild Co. The fire spread rapidly to the Bon Ton millinery store, then to a candy store, a photograph studio and thence to the store of a hardware dealer in the next building. The estimated losses follow: A. W. Fairchild Co., \$7000; Bon Ton Co., \$1600; Reiter and Loomis, store rooms and automobile supply department, \$2500; Anderson's candy kitchen, \$2500; and W. B. Mills, photographer, \$1500. All insured.

COMMITTEE VISITED SCHOOL
The committee on lands and buildings, yesterday visited the Middlesex Village school, of which so much has been said of late, concerning its sanitary condition. Tomorrow, an agent of the Fuller, Warren ventilating system will visit the school and see if he can find any defects in said system and invites any resident of Middlesex Village who is interested to be present.

Conductors Thomas Cryan, Alfred Killeen and John Donlon, all of the Draught Court line, were each remembered with costly stick pins from patrons of the street railway.

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BONI'S CHILDREN ROCKE WINS OUT

To Remain With Their
Mother Is Confirmed as License
Commissioner

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The petition of Count Boni De Castellane that the custody of his three sons be given to his mother, the Marquise De Castellane, was denied today. The court ruled that the children remain in the custody of their mother, the present Princess De Sagan. The princess before she married De Castellane from whom she secured a divorce was Miss Anna Gould of New York.

The court ruled further that the children should not leave the continent without his permission. Beginning Oct. 1, 1909, they are to be placed at a college situated within 100 miles of Paris.

HIS BACK BROKEN

Chicago Man Able to
Sit Up

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Jeremiah Horrigan has had a unique experience and is grateful to medical skill, and with good cause.

Four months ago he broke his back by a fall from the cab of an engine, and today he can sit up in a chair and relate the experience.

When he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital he knew that his back was broken and he had not the slightest idea that he would live more than a few days. The surgeons decided that he had a chance, however, and performed an operation upon the bone, removing the splintered fragments and freeing the spinal cord, which, though caught in the break, was not severed.

For two weeks Horrigan was obliged to lie on his stomach day and night, and for seven weeks after that he wore a cast. He has been able to sit up in his chair a few hours a day for some time.

Horrigan is 36 years of age, and one of the surprising things about him is that the bones should knit so quickly when the patient had almost passed the prime of life. Communication between the brain and the muscles of the feet and legs is slow in being established, but Horrigan can now move his feet slightly.

BASKETBALL NOTES

Wednesday night in the Immaculate Conception school hall, the O. M. L. Cadet basketball team will meet the Strong Emerald team from the Aero. Both teams have already played two or three games and have proved themselves to be in fine form. As these teams have not in these games in former years, a good exciting contest is looked for.

The Cadets are ready to meet any team in the city. The O. M. L. Mystery, Sterlings, Primrose Five and any other strong team.

Chapel Hills, Prescott, Friday night.

TUG WAS LOST
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AFTER AID, GRAY

New Board Rushes Him
on Appointments

The board of aldermen for 1909 discussed again last night and they do all that a few surprises were conveyed by secret ballot. At the first caucus held by the new board it was decided to make Ald. Gray chairman, but that sentiment is not a unanimous one as it was then and Mr. Gray will have to battle it. It is thought, however, that he will have some of the new members as a bit more on Mr. Gray's side of the street. In making appointments to committees and general alderman looking for certain committees will be chosen to discontinue. It is said, if Mr. Gray is made chairman.

SEWERS

MADE BY GANG UNDER THE HIL-
DRETH BUILDING.

The men employed at sewer work in front of the Hildreth building are employing the Low street sewer and the Merrimack street sewer and in order to go to Low or Merrimack street, the Hildreth building for a long time.

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AT CITY FARM

The Inmates Enjoy an
Entertainment

The inmates at the city farm were entertained last night in the chapel of the institution and right thoroughly did they enjoy it. The entertainment was begun at about 8 o'clock. The Glendale quartet was there in all its glory and there are few quarters in Lowell that have anything on the Glendale. James Donnelly, the well known singer, gave imitations of Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch comedian, and he pleased mightily. The Apple sisters, Corey and Seedy, entertained with great satisfaction and William F. Thornton was heard to good advantage in monolog. "Len" Galloway, the ventriloquist, contributed a thoroughly and entertainingly as did Fred Holway, a master slight-of-hand performer. Miss Jennie MacDade favored with readings and the affair was one of the most pleasant in the history of the institution.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

LOWELL'S
GREATEST
NEWSPAPER

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11 Thorndike Street

C. M. A. C. WON

Three Points From
the K. of C.

Two games in the Catholic league series were played on the Crescent alleys last night. In the game between the C. M. A. C. and Knights of Columbus the former team won all three points. Boucher of the winning team was high man.

In the game between the Belvideres and St. Louis, the Belvideres took two of the three points.

Two games were also played in the Minor League series. The game between the Nationals and Ansonians was one of the only ones in which the Nationals won. The Nationals won all three points with comparative ease.

The Centrals also won three points from the Lincolns. The scores:

CATHOLIC LEAGUE
C. M. A. C.—Lebrun, 257; Lemieux, 274; Demers, 285; Payette, 278; Boucher, 307; total, 1415.
K. of C.—Lang, 247; Goughlin, 278; Savage, 299; J. P. Boucher, 285; Sub, 267; total, 1374.

Belvideres—Coleman, 285; Maroon, 285; P. Doyle, 274; Vio, 267; Ryan, 269; total, 1399.

St. Louis—Hamel, 263; Pott, 249; Cote, 283; A. Jodoin, 288; Frappier, 275; total, 1359.

MINOR LEAGUE
Nationals—Frenette, 285; Buckley, 267; H. Demers, 264; Chiquette, 275; P. Demers, 267; total, 1398.

American—Higgins, 242; Calais, 285; Zipper, 236; Meaney, 244; Martin, 242; total, 1207.

Centrals—J. Grant, 245; Richardson, 288; Redman, 255; W. Grant, 178; Henderson, 288; total, 1356.

Lincolns—Wheeler, 244; Gilman, 265; Lavell, 241; Carter, 266; Connolly, 262; total, 1277.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES
Car Barr—O'Brien, 270; Young, 287; Carter, 266; Lynch, 274; Delong, 255; total, 1252.

Motormen and Conductors Powers—Ed. Mevis, 264; Lewis, 254; Cunningham, 211; C. Regan, 212; total, 1238.

DIAMOND NOTES

Billy Hamilton, Clinton, manager of the Lynn team of the New England league, was in Worcester yesterday. He struck into a bunch of baseball players in the rooms of the Pastime Social club, 34 Front street.

In the party were Jesse Burkett, owner of the Worcester; William E. Barnsfield, first baseman of the Philadelphia National league team; John H. Sharrett, manager of the Lowell team last season; Frank J. Courtney, who played right field under Hamilton on the Haverhill team last season; Frank J. Doran, catcher of the Lowell team last season, and John Fitzpatrick, who played a portion of last season with the Lawrence team, and M. P. Malone, umpire in the New England and Connecticut leagues last season.

All the big fellows in the group have at one time or another played on a Worcester team, and Hamilton is the senior of them all, as he played on the Worcester team in 1888. The others of the gathering, who are now in the city, other were a Worcester uniform, are Burkett, Barnsfield, Sharrett and Doran.—Worcester Telegram.

One of the teams in the league that will be greatly strengthened the coming season will be the New Bedford team. The signing of Tommy Dowd to manage that team was a 16-strike for the Whalers, and under his management the club is sure to enjoy a successful season. Dowd has proven himself to be one of the best managers in the business, and he has given to New Bedford what he has been giving the fans of the Connecticut league, he will more than make good. Dowd is a pretty good ball player himself yet, and while he may not play regularly, he may jump in once and a while and help out. The New Bedford team will be the gainer by the addition of this man, and the New Bedford team in particular will get more return for its money than for some years past. Dowd has his lines out already for men that will build up the team.—Lawrence Eagle.

The local baseball management will announce some important news of interest to the local baseball fans in a few days. At present the management is seeking waivers on two players who were in a faster league than the New England league, and if they can be secured they will greatly strengthen the local team. According to reports Manager Eason has signed a number of men for next season, and has practically filled every position, so that some interesting deals may be released shortly.—Lawrence Telegram.

Manager Billy Hamilton is going after the pennant for Lynn next season, and has been told to go ahead and get the men regardless of expense. Such being the case the veterans will undoubtedly be in the running right off the reel. He can produce the goods with the backing.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT.

In the Collinsville mission which was very prettily decorated for the occasion, Christmas was fittingly observed by a Sunday school concert. The program as presented was as follows: Songs by the school; recitation reading, duet by Miss Deed and Mr. Hamlett; recitations by Hazel Macdonald, E. Peasley, Violet Shanks, Arthur Macdonald, Ethel Wiggins, Alice Wiggins, A. Roddick, and Myrtle Dickson; Miss Hutchinson; solo, Walter Hutchinson; quartet, the Misses Belle Hutchinson and Izzy Bell, Mr. Hamlett and Mr. Brown; recitations, Miss Nellie Harwood, Frank Hutchinson, Mr. Humphries. The pianist was Miss Mary Brown. W. C. Hamlett was leader of the singing.

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ATTELL'S BOUT

McKey Knocked Out in
Eighth Round

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Abe Attell retained the feather-weight championship by knocking out "Big" MacKey in the eighth round last night before the West Side Athletic club.

From the beginning of the bout which was limited to 15 rounds, it became apparent that Attell's speed was too much for his opponent, and although MacKey offered a game fight, at no stage of the contest did he develop a likelihood of winning.

Attell played entirely for the stomach and MacKey, after fairly withstanding this forward attack for six rounds, showed unmistakable signs of weakening in the seventh. In the eighth he was doored with a left to the stomach and twice more in the same round he went down to regain his feet at the count of nine but a right to the heart put him down for the first time.

Weight-weight Dave Barry refereed. It was the first championship fight held in New Orleans in the past fifteen years.

EASY FOR MURPHY

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Eddie Murphy of South Boston was up against an easy proposition when he met Paddy Sullivan here last night before the Knickerbocker club. Sullivan was advertised as a 16-round go.

Sullivan did not fight at all, and kept running away from Murphy. The South Boston boy was willing and anxious to fight and tried his best to do so, but there was nothing Sullivan seemed to dislike as much as fighting, and Murphy could not keep track of him long enough to make it look like a fight.

The spectators looked for Sullivan to be taken off and somebody who could fight substituted. Sullivan did not land three punches during the bout, and the other hand, walloped Sullivan right and left whenever he could get near him.

No decision is given in these bouts, and none was necessary last night, for there was no one in the ring but Murphy.

BURNS CRIES FRAUD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—In a catfight to a friend in this city, Tommy Burns, who held the title of heavyweight champion of the world, and lost it to Jack Johnson, in Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26, says he is willing to meet the giant negro again, and charges fraud, fussing as he says, the police in stopping the contest and that he was strong at the end. Following is the catfight:

Johnson's friends influenced police in stopping contest. I was strong and had a chance, as had Nelson with Burns. Johnson was strong. Willing to fight Johnson again and can beat him.

JACK BLACKBURN WON

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Although before the bout at the Denison A. R. last night Jack Blackburn said he was fit to go, Harry Mansfield of England is good looking.

The Englishman fought back hard in every round, and at times seemed to be getting the better of Blackburn, who was strong and clever for the fight and was the winner all the way. The first round of the bout was a fair one, Mansfield, who landed strong in the fifth, raised Blackburn to his feet and so on, but Blackburn to the rescue and followed it up with a left swing to the mouth. Blackburn came back strong with three lefts to nose, which added a little color to the bout.

Jack kept barging away at the nose, but Mansfield boxed in. Jack caught him with a right to jaw that staggered

LA BLANCHE LET OFF

FITCHBURG, Dec. 30.—George La Blanche, the old-time boxer, known as the Marine, who was arrested 10 days ago on a charge of vagrancy, was in the police court yesterday. He pleaded guilty when first arraigned, but his condition was such that a continuance was recommended for 10 days. He has been in the hospital since he was arrested and has been treated for alcoholism.

Yesterday La Blanche told the court he had recovered and promised to go back to Boston, where he was sure he would get work.

Judge Gallagher, upon recommendation of Inspector Flaherty, placed his case on file.

JEM DRISCOLL

OUT-BOXED MATTY BALDWIN OF BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Jem Driscoll, the English featherweight, out-boxed Matty Baldwin of Boston, at the Army Athletic association last night and won the fight without being at any time in serious danger. Baldwin's face was bleeding from the effects of Driscoll's blows, but the latter did not show a scratch.

BOXING GOSSIP

James J. Jeffries says he will not accept a reported offer of a \$50,000 purse made by Promoter McIntosh for a world's championship fight with Jack Johnson in Sydney. Jeffries declares that a million dollar purse would not induce him to come out of his retirement. "It isn't the money I want," says the big brawler. "It's peace and quiet. I do not care to fight again and I wish the sporting public would not insist upon my return to the ring." Jeffries owns a prosperous saloon in Los Angeles and is enjoying life. He weighs nearly 270 pounds and is hog fat. In order to get into anything like his old form he would be compelled to take on at least forty pounds, which would probably require at least three months of hard training. As Jeffries has been out of the ring for more than four years it is believed by some ring experts that after such a grueling preparation and reduction of weight the bulky Californian would not be able to show his former skill as a pugilist.

Jeffries is 32 years old, however, cannot give his age as a reason for not fighting. He cannot consistently draw the color line, for he has met negro boxers in his time, notably Peter Jackson and Bob Armstrong. He drew the color line when he held the championship, but now that a negro has won the title, sporting men who say that Jeffries is the only man in the world capable of defeating the champion, Burns are anxious to see the Californian re-enter the ring. Johnson has informed Promoter McIntosh that he will make a match with Jeffries, hence the alleged \$50,000 offer. McIntosh says he will leave Sydney on Saturday for England and America, and that when he arrives in this country he will put it up to Jeffries. It is limited that as an extra inducement Jeffries may receive an offer of \$50,000 cash, win, lose or draw, but those who have talked with Jeffries lately say he will not accept any kind of proposition. Johnson meanwhile will all a theatrical engagement of five weeks in Australia, after which Fitzpatrick will take him to England to make a tour of the concert halls. It is possible that the colored man will take part in a couple of mils on the other side, and will not set foot on American soil until March.

Fitzpatrick wants to have him introduced to New York sporting men at a big athletic tournament to be held possibly in Madison Square Garden, but if such an event is arranged there can be no boxing, even of a friendly nature, because of the attitude of the police in this city. Billy Delaney repeated yesterday his assertion that he will not also Kaufman to meet Johnson, because of the latter's color. If Delaney sticks to this policy therefore the only man left who is capable of giving Johnson a fight is the negro middleweight, Sam Langford, who now says that under certain circumstances he may make a match with the new champion. Langford fought Johnson some time ago in Boston and was beaten on a decision at the end of fifteen rounds. Langford defeated Joe Jeannette, a local colored heavyweight last fall at the National A. C. in this city, the bout lasting six rounds.

Jeannette has knocked Johnson on seven different occasions. They fought a six round bout in Philadelphia in May, 1905. In another bout in the same city Jeannette won on a foul in two rounds. Then followed another six round draw in December of the same year, with a similar bout in January, 1906. In March of that year Johnson beat Jeannette in a fifteen round battle in Baltimore. The following September they battled six rounds to a draw again and then indulged in a ten round draw in Portland, Me. In addition to his go with Jeannette in this city Langford got a decision over Jeannette in six rounds at Lawrence in 1905 and then scored a clean cut victory over him in fifteen rounds at Chelsea. They also fought a twelve round draw in 1907 and another of the same length in Boston. On "dope" Langford looks to have a chance with Johnson who, it must be considered, has improved greatly in the last two years. Langford has long been regarded as a remarkable pugilist, and when he knocked Jim Flynn out recently in less than a round his stock received a big boost. He is 5 feet 7½ inches tall and can go good work at 165 pounds. He is clever and a terrible hitter. Among the fighters he has defeated are George Gunther, Young Peter Jackson, Larry Temple, Jeannette, Tiger Smith, Jeff Thorn, Sandy Ferguson and John Wille. Langford has knocked out Jim Barry, who meets Kaufman tonight, twice. Both bouts were held in Boston and Barry lasted two and three rounds respectively.

Mike Schreck, the western heavyweight, says he is glad that Burns was beaten by Johnson and gives as a reason the statement that Burns wanted but to post a \$500 stake to be (Schreck) would pretend to be knocked out. Schreck insists that he made Johnson quit in Chicago some time ago and wants another crack at the new champion. Schreck will meet Marvin Hart in a twenty round bout in Lexington, Ky., Thursday night. This bout is generally regarded as a joke.

The betting in Los Angeles is 2 to 1 that Kaufman will knock out Jim Barry at the Jeffries club tonight. The men will go practically to a finish, as they are matched to box forty-five rounds. It is possible that three ex-champions, Jeffries, Corbett and Sullivan, will be at the ringside.

Instead of making a match with Driscoll, Abe Attell says he may tackle Freddie Weeks at Goldfield some time in January, and after that he may meet Battling Nelson at catch weight. Attell intends to make a European tour next summer. Perhaps Driscoll can corner him in London.

280 LICENSES

REVOKED BY THE BOARD IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Following an investigation by patrolmen, 280 licenses held by common victuallers, so called, have been revoked.

Secretary Eppler of the licensing board has been besieged by indignant men, but they received no definite information regarding why they had been dropped. They will be given an opportunity to appear in protest later. These licenses were revoked, it is said, because holders of them were not engaged in serving food as their licenses specified, but were holding parlors so that they could keep open Sunday and sell fruit, newspapers and other commodities.

BASKETBALL

THE SODALITY FIVE TRUNCES CO. M TEAM

Last evening in the armory the Sodality Five gave Co. M one of the most severe drubbings meted out to a team so far this season, defeating it by a score of 36 to 2. The game was very one-sided, as the score indicates, and from a spectator's point of view was one of the poorest games seen in the Armory this season. The Sodality boys could score a goal whenever they felt like it. When it came to floor work the Acre boys made them look like a bunch of school children. For the Sodality Five every man played an unusual game, while for Co. M Emmens excelled.

TIGERS WON

Tigers 2d defeated the Crescents 3d by a score of 30 to 1. The feature of the game was the playing of Thomas and Conley of the winners. Thomas had 13 baskets to his credit. The summary:

Crescents 3d
J. Brennan c
J. Peterson r
Harrington lf
J. Peterson rf
J. Brennan lb

Reference, Colo. Time, two 20 min.

The Jolly Campers, one of the best amateur teams traveling around Lowell, will journey over to Centralville this evening (Wednesday) to play the Mysteries 1st team, and feel pretty confident that they can score a win over the Fiskeville boys, but they realize

that they are tackling a tough proposition. A large crowd will accompany the Campers and there will be something doing from start to finish.

TOOK POISON

COHEN FAMILY SAY IT WAS A MISTAKE

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Isaac Cohen, 46 years old, living with his wife and family on the top floor of the dwelling house 29 Hule street, West End, where he also conducted a watch-making and repairing establishment, died about noon yesterday just as an ambulance from the Relief hospital was about to take him away. Poison, which he had taken earlier in the day, caused his death.

His wife and family say that he did not take the poison intentionally, declaring that he believed he was handling a bottle containing medicine which he has been using for several weeks. The fluid that caused his death, they say, he used on watches, and that he took it from the closet by mistake.

MGR. GRIFFIN

TO GIVE OPENING PRAYER IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WORCESTER, Dec. 30.—Mgr. Thomas Griffin, pastor of St. John's Catholic church in this city, will give the opening prayer in the house of representatives. Representative James H. Mellen of this city has been notified that he is the dean of the house and as such it is his privilege to invite the clergyman who will offer prayer. Mgr. Griffin is Mr. Mellen's pastor and he has tendered the honor to him.

LIQUOR DEALERS

Fear That Spotters
Have Caught Them

BIDDEFORD, Me., Dec. 30.—It was reported on good authority last night that many men engaged in the sale of liquor in this city have been caught by spotters. The January term of supreme court convenes in Saco next Tuesday and it will not be known until the grand jury reports whether the dealers have been indicted on spotter evidence. Last night all the liquor men were on the anxious seat.

Deputy Sheriffs Littlefield, Chick, Andrews and Goldthwaite, whose term of office expires Thursday night, yesterday afternoon searched shops where they suspected liquor was sold. At the drug store at 39 Washington street and at the East End drug store they made seizures. They did not find liquor at the other places. Kerwin and Percival, the proprietors, will be tried next Thursday.

The city is the driest it has been in years. It is understood that the liquor deputies will continue to make raids until their terms expire.

Last September some of the republicans made the statement that when Sheriff-elect Charles O. Emery takes his oath of office, Jan. 1, every liquor shop in Biddeford will be closed and the actions of the deputies this week indicate that this prediction will be fulfilled to the letter.

POLICE RAID

FURNISHINGS IN SEVERAL HOUSES DESTROYED

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Policemen armed with crowbars smashed furniture of every description early yesterday in five houses in Sixth avenue, between 30th and 31st street, driving the inmates into the street until they had completed the work of destruction. So far as beds, tables, chairs and other furniture were concerned, only half a dozen big mirrors were spared. Three of the buildings, which were gone through from cellar to roof, and everything left in the greatest confusion, and it was only because of a superstition that the mirrors were not broken.

The usual crowd of hangers-on in the district opened their eyes wide when the police swooped down and began to smash everything that hindered them in their work. Many of the doors of the houses entered had padlocks, beside the usual locks, and these were ruthlessly smashed with crowbars or axes carried by the police.

It was said that the raid had been determined upon because of many complaints that were made by merchants and others in the neighborhood of disorderly houses and persons visiting the dwellings, but although there were many persons in the houses when the police broke in, no arrests were made.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS

ENJOYED THE SIGHTS IN SALEM

A number of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association have been enjoying themselves in a very profitable manner during the past few days. On Monday afternoon about 25 boys, mostly students at the High school, accompanied by Secretary Williams, paid a visit to the Textile school and were shown through the different departments. Mr. Coman of the Textile school faculty acted as guide and explained the various departments and different machinery to the visitors.

Yesterday morning eleven of the younger boys of the association with Mr. Williams visited the City of Witches. They were met at the Salem depot by Mr. Perry who is connected with the Y. M. C. A. in that city and were shown all the historic places in Salem. The Grimshaw house, the house of seven gables, the birthplace of Hawthorne, the seaman's hotel (where the janitor, an old sea captain, told the boys some real sea stories), the witches' house, the Essex Institute, and the Peabody museum, were all visited in turn. The boys then visited the Y. M. C. A. and had a delightful swim in the natatorium.

After watching the performance of the Salem boys in an exhibition of gymnastic work, the Lowell boys returned on the 1.20 train.

This makes the second of these trips. Boston and Lynn having been visited on the day after "Thanksgiving."

The many friends of Dr. Aillard will be pained to hear that he is ill at his home, 1030 Bridge street.

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HOTEL CONVICTION

Case Against Richardson House
by Out-of-Town Witnesses

Edward T. Cushing, licensee of the Richardson hotel in Middlesex street, was found guilty of the illegal keeping of liquor before Judge Hadley in the police court yesterday afternoon and fined \$100. He appealed to the superior court.

Guy O. Ham appeared for the government and Daniel J. Donahue for the defendant.

It was agreed by counsel that Mr. Cushing was the licensee of the hotel and the reading of the record to that effect by the clerk of the board of police was dispensed with.

Leland T. Johnson was the first witness called. He testified to visiting the Richardson hotel on Sept. 7, Labor day. Accompanied by John Buzzell he entered the Richardson Annex at 19.50 in the morning and ordered two pony glasses of beer. A waiter brought two bottles of beer and two pony glasses. Sandwiches were placed in front of Buzzell and him, but they did not order the sandwiches. At 11.05 he and Buzzell entered the hotel and ordered beer and were served. At 2.50 o'clock that night he entered the hotel again and was served with beer without asking for food.

Cross-examined by Mr. Donahue, witness said that he was an investigator.

"Is that the way you earn your money?"

"What money do you earn outside what you get for being an investigator?"

"Sometimes I do auditing work for parties."

Witness was questioned as to whether he ever had done any work for the Watch and Ward society and he said he might have. Further questioned, witness said that he had worked in a florist's store in Worcester.

"While working as a florist, were you making bouquets for the Watch and Ward society?" asked Mr. Donahue.

"Do you mean that?" asked the court.

"I think that these liquor dealers have as much right here as anyone else. I am trying to find out something about this man and I am going to if I can."

Witness said that while he did bookkeeping for his father, he never charged his father for the time spent on the books. He also said that his father gave him money from time to time.

Mr. Johnson testified that during the latter part of August he was employed by the Greenleaf Detective agency of Boston.

"What were your instructions?"

"Take the 8.15 train, go to Lowell and report at Mr. Merrill's office and await his instructions what to do."

"Was any money advanced to you?"

"Expense money."

"How much?"

"I forgot what the clerk called for, but I think it was about \$10."

Continuing witness said: "Upon arriving in Lowell I went to Mr. Merrill's office. Miss Merrill was in the office. Mr. Merrill came into the office sometime between nine and twelve o'clock."

"What was the conversation between you and Mr. Merrill?" asked Mr. Donahue.

"I object," said Mr. Ham.

"Your Honor, there is a conspiracy here," said Mr. Donahue. "I am entitled to know what transpired between Mr. Merrill and the witness."

"The conversation was bearing on other cases," said witness.

Mr. Donahue said that he did not care about the other cases and asked: "At any time did you speak with Mr. Merrill about the Richardson house case?"

"I received some instructions from Mr. Merrill," started witness but Mr. Donahue interrupted him and said: "I don't ask what you received. What was said to you by Mr. Merrill with reference to the Richardson house case?"

"I was instructed to go to the Richardson hotel the following day (Sept. 7) and see if I could find liquor, look around and observe what I could and secure evidence, which I did."

"Was anything said about how much you were to get?"

"On no."

Charles A. Merrill, of the Lowell Law and Order league, was called and testified that on Sept. 14 he saw Lee Johnson and Mr. Dickerman enter the Richardson hotel. He stayed outside in a doorway but could see where the men sat. Witness said he saw them served two bottles of beer.

On cross-examination Lawyer Donahue asked: "What is your business?"

"I am secretary of the Lowell Law and Order league."

"Have you any other occupations besides that?"

"That's my chief occupation."

"How long have you been in Lowell, Mr. Merrill?"

"Seven or eight months."

"From where were you standing in the Thorne street doorway of the hotel, could you say whether or not Johnson or Dickerman ordered food?"

"No, sir."

"Did you see men eating and drinking in that room?"

"I saw men drinking but could not say that anyone was eating."

"Where did you come from?"

"I was formerly in South Framingham."

"How long were you there?"

"About a year."

"What was your occupation there?"

"Pastor of Park Street Baptist church."

"Have you resigned from the ministry?"

"No, sir."

"Do you run a printing office here?"

"No, sir."

"Were you also in Milford, N. H.?"

"No, sir."

Mr. Merrill testified that he was positive that the instructions relative to the Richardson hotel were given Mr. Leland Johnson in front of the "Iron" station, opposite the Richardson hotel, on the evening of the 14th of September.

"Did you ever give any instructions to Mr. Johnson previous to September 14th?"

"No, sir."

At this point Lawyers Donahue and Ham got into a heated argument as to an answer to a question previously given by Mr. Merrill. Mr. Ham said that he had the correct answer to the question, but Mr. Donahue differed with him, whereupon

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